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Consistency may be a jewel, as has been claimed, but most Democratic statesmen prefer other ornaments.

If the doctors had business foresight would they not appoint a committee to work up a celebration for Pioneer day?

By likening certain Illinois Democrats to train robbers, Mr. Bryan has doubtless forever lost the train-robber vote.

It must be disgusting to the Hon. Dave Hill to see anybody devoted to so unimportant a thing as a matter of principle.

It must be admitted that the trust Democracy is expressed by those who say that it is not principles but offices that their party cares for.

Our Democratic orators will have to make quite a number of changes in their old campaign speeches before delivering them again this year.

Already the Young Men's Democratic club is convinced that Mr. Newhouse is an admirable presiding officer, as it has received a check for \$1000 from him.

Will the Democracy four years hence come up and occupy the Republican position on expansion, or will it wait eight years before making that advance?

Violators of sprinkling regulations will doubtless be too honest hereafter to attempt to bribe anyone who says he is an inspector, unless he furnishes proof that he is one.

Democrats preparing a few remarks for their ratification meeting must have been much disturbed yesterday, being unable to tell whether or not they believed in the gold standard.

It was apparent that Mr. Bryan desired to promote harmony on Thursday, or he would have said something mean about those delegates he alluded to as highwaymen fit to rank with the greatest train robbers.

The apportionment of normal scholarships in this State was made by School Superintendent A. C. Nelson on the basis of a total school population of 9,725, of this number, 26,069, or a trifle under 30 per cent, being in the four cities of Salt Lake, Ogden, Provo and Logan. The school population of this city—15,857—is well over one-sixth of the whole. These four normal scholarships number fifty, and they serve well to keep the State Normal School—a department of the University—well filled in ranks. It is a good chance, too, for instructing promising pupils in the art of pedagogy, or how to teach.

The convenience of the establishment of this city as a port of customs delivery is becoming evident to the business public. It was a fine stroke of policy to have this done, and the trade consequent upon it must grow to large proportions as its advantages become evident. The reshipment of an invoice of violins from Saxony by a prominent Salt Lake firm is an instance of enterprise that shows ability to realize and utilize opportunities offered. In other lines of business, also, the imports must become direct, and in considerable volume, as the certainty attending direct orders, combined with the conveniences offered, must commend first-hand imports to the business public.

The Dundonald affair is yet agitating the Dominion. It was a plain, blunt, soldierly proposition on his part, however, that ought to have been well received by the Government. He simply told the Canadians that if they thought they had any military power worth considering, they were fooling themselves; that their militia, which composed this so-called military force, is badly equipped, poorly drilled and officered, and that any talk of being effective as against the force of the United States, as the political humbugs there boasted it was, is ridiculous. He demanded, further, that the political blow-hards must keep their hands off the militia, and leave it to the control and management of competent military men; that the officers in it who don't know their business and won't learn it must be dismissed, and that modern, scientific methods and equip-

ment must be put into use. The Ministry is so angry that it declares the Canadian military establishment should be wholly separated from that of Great Britain, so that there be no further chance for any British military officer to come in authority to Canada, to show up its military shortcomings in this manner. It is not likely that the Canadian Ministry can effect this separation; but if it could, it would be so much the worse for the Canadian militia, for it is not the exposure of inefficiency that should hurt so much as the unwelcome fact that the inefficiency is there.

THE PLATFORM AS EXPURGATED.

The "anything to win" platform adopted by the Democratic National convention will deservedly receive the hoots and jeers of the country. Confessedly not a platform of consistency or principle, it is merely a vote-trap so transparent that it cannot be expected even to serve the ignoble purpose for which it was framed.

The plank in it which will be viewed with the most curiosity in this region is the far-trumpeted "anti-polygamy" plank, which reads as follows: "We demand the extermination of polygamy within the jurisdiction of the United States, and the complete separation of church and State in political affairs." This was evidently aimed at Utah. But it adds nothing, and contemplates nothing, in addition to what is already on the statute books. Thus, our Enabling Act required that an ordinance be inserted in the Utah State Constitution forever prohibiting polygamous or plural marriages (see section 3), and the Constitution (article 3, paragraph 1), carries into effect this requirement of the Enabling Act, by declaring that "polygamous or plural marriages are forever prohibited." And with respect to the second clause of the so-called anti-polygamy resolution, the Constitution (article 1, section 4) declares: "There shall be no union of church and state, nor shall any church dominate the state or interfere with its functions." So that this plank merely demands what we already have, and it could have no further effect. It was no doubt put into the platform to catch some votes in the East, where the people are assumed not to know the facts, and the law as it exists.

The platform calls for economy in Governmental expenditures, which all approve; and yet the Democrats were the fiercest for liberal appropriations by Congress, and hardest grumblers because they were not larger.

On the tariff question the declarations mean nothing in particular, the sole effort appearing to be to convince the people that the Democratic party, chastened by the disasters of the Cleveland administration, has quit its opposition to the principle of protection. But the trouble is, that a deep-seated distrust of the Democratic party on this question can not be overcome, and that distrust has been amply earned.

On the money question, the platform is silent, a shameful evidence of impotence and of the clashing views of Democratic political tricksters.

On trusts and combines, the effort is to say something that may or may not be construed to mean business, while the convention proceeds to eliminate all possibility of its meaning anything, by nominating the favorite of the trusts and combines for President. A most lame and impotent conclusion.

A thoroughly dishonest attempt to steal thunder from the Republican party is the declaration on the irrigation law, falsely stated to be known as the "Newlands irrigation act." It is not so known at all; and the attempt to read Newland's name into the title of that beneficial measure is an impudent assumption that has nothing whatever to support it. Any other member of Congress who voted for that law (which was and must always remain a distinctively Republican measure) would have just as much right to claim the attachment of his name to it.

The Isthmian canal is indorsed, (by the way, why wasn't it called the Morgan canal?) but with the usual disclaimer, no doubt meaning merely that the Democrats are sorry the Republicans were first in this, as in all other good works.

The plank on "Imperialism" is an echo out of a dead past, worm-eaten and useless. The declaration as to the admission of Territories to Statehood shows the usual Democratic reversal of former positions, being a decided contrast to the course of the Democratic Congress which so long refused admission to the Dakotas and Montana. The plank favoring the selection of United States Senators by popular vote is superfluous, for the Democrats can so select their Senatorial candidates whenever they so desire, and as a matter of fact they do so select them in most of the Southern States.

As a platform of principles for a Presidential campaign, this Democratic structure is certainly the weakest ever put forth by any party, its closest rival being the platform of 1852, put out by the Whigs. And as this latter on the defeat of the party which undertook to stand on it was the death of that party, so this formulation of false pretenses and meaningless, cowardly evasiveness is likely to break the back of the Democracy.

Speaking of the result of the labors of the National Democratic convention's platform committee, Mr. Pettigrew of South Dakota, who was a member of that committee, defined the result exactly when he said: "We have prepared a treatise rather than a platform, and have succeeded in producing a large vol-

ume without saying anything." This proves that there was at least one man present who had an accurate sense of what was going on and what was finally accomplished. He is exactly right.

ANYTHING TO WIN.

Whoever reads the report of the proceedings of the committee on platform and resolutions of the National Democratic convention, cannot fail to note the contemptible lack of principle that is apparent throughout. Practically every speaker except Bryan declared in so many words that what they were after was the formulation of a series of words, without the slightest reference to their meaning, the only test being whether or not they were likely to win or lose votes. Thus, the income tax proposition, which has been all along a favorite Democratic cry, was dropped. And the whole subject of finance and money was left out, before the committee could come to an agreement. It will, therefore, not be lawful in a partisan sense for a Democrat to have any views on gold, silver, or greenbacks for the ensuing four years. What a pitiful, dastardly outcome it is, for a party that professed to have a living principle close to its heart, governing the whole financial question!

Consistency? Yes, Bryan mentioned that, and urged that the Democratic party could not afford to stultify itself and repudiate its record. He was met with personal abuse, and the sneer from Mr. Daniel of Virginia that they didn't care for "small conceptions of consistency." Mr. Hill of New York promptly applied the touchstone of "votes" to every proposition that was submitted. If it was something that didn't seem to cut any figure at the polls, all right; but if it was a matter that would cost votes, then it must by every means be kept out; and contrariwise, if it was likely to win votes, in it must go, no matter whether it was Democratic or not. It would be a spectacle to cause one to despair of the Republic did not one realize that it was not the real exponents of American life that were showing forth this shameful spectacle, but only a lot of political sharpshooters and tricksters who have no real hope of gaining control of the Government, and not the least intention of keeping faith with the people if they did.

There was developed a personal antagonism and bitterness toward Mr. Bryan in the proceedings of this committee which was as surprising as it was inconsistent and unfit. It is true that he carried the committee with him on some points, but that was more on account of a lingering desire on the part of some of the delegates not to seem complete turncoats than because of any love for or fear of Bryan. Indeed, Mr. Cannon, the Utah member of the committee, seemed rather to voice the sentiments of most when he said, in speaking of the tentative draft of the plank on trusts, and Bryan's substitute for the sub-committee's plank, "I followed Mr. Bryan in 1896 and 1900, on the paramount issues of those campaigns, but now that he has abandoned those issues, I will vote against this proposition he seems to want most." That is, the proposition was to be opposed merely because Bryan was anxious to have it adopted.

It was a sorry spectacle and one that puts the Democratic National convention, and especially its committee on resolutions, in a scandalous position before the public. The declarations mean nothing at all, when put forth under such circumstances and through such influences, and the platform cannot possibly cut much figure in the campaign, save as a disgraceful exhibit of the cowardly tactics of a party without principles or principle. The record of the Democratic party, and not its alleged platform, is the issue in this campaign, so far as that party is concerned. The best possible campaign document that the Republicans could issue would be a concise and faithful report of the proceedings of this unprincipled committee.

THE OLD FOLKS' EXCURSION.

The pleasant custom of giving a summer outing to the old folks is well in evidence again this year. The outing will be to Spanish Fork, and a train of the Rio Grande Western will convey the guests to their destination. The excursion is to be on next Friday, a week from today, and all arrangements are in the hands of an active committee of men experienced in conducting these outings. Persons of seventy years or upwards are eligible for free tickets on this excursion, which is sure to be a pleasant one, as good fare and agreeable amusements have been and will be arranged for. Those aged seventy to eighty will wear red badges; those eighty to ninety, blue badges; those ninety or above, white rosettes.

Nothing could be more thoughtful and kindly courteous than this custom of providing a generous and cheerful outing for the aged. It is appreciated by them, and is well calculated to stir the most cheerful impulses of the younger people who provide this treat and conduct it. A good, long white mark in the Heavenly ledger is due to them, and to the ones who first thought of this pleasant tribute to those of advanced age.

The Russian Baltic fleet is to sail soon, it is said, but not to the far East. Perhaps a trial spin as it were, to ascertain whether it can actually sail at all, of which there might be reasonable doubt, growing out of recent clumsy accidents and disasters. By the time that fleet is ready to sail for the scene of war, it is likely enough that there will not be a Russian port on the Asiatic coast where it can be received.

THE NEW HELL.

From the Chicago Tribune.

One has but to compare the sermons of twenty years ago on the subject of eternal punishment with those of today to realize that the old-fashioned hell has been superseded by a new hell much different in character and in population from the old one. It was said of Emerson "that climate and immigration would set that way." This was not only a tribute to the gentleness and liberality of that philosopher but is a clue to the kind of influences which have changed men's conception of hell within the last half century.

One of the most extreme of recent doctrines is as follows: "The supreme penalty of sin is the loss of our original and ideal relation to God." This is the kind of punishment which many sinners wish—seclusion and complete independence of their maker.

It is possible that the new hell has become too pleasant a place to accomplish any good as a punitive institution.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Prof. Leopold Barisen is in charge of the great X-ray machine in the educational building at the St. Louis fair and, naturally, in this position he is called upon to answer innumerable strange questions. Prof. Barisen recounted the other afternoon the odd queries about X-rays that some boys had put to him in the morning. "It was rather in the position," he said, "of a Harvard instructor who was lecturing on oxygen. Oxygen, the instructor said, is essential to all animal existence; there could be no life without it, and yet, strange to say, it was discovered only a century ago." "What did they do, then," a student asked, "before it was discovered, sir?"

Shortly after issuing an order that all tobacco must be kept in the original boxes until sold, John W. Yerkes, Commissioner of Internal Revenue, went into a cigar store in Washington and asked for a piece of his favorite plug. Like many Kentuckians, Mr. Yerkes is fond of a chew at times. The salesman handed out what was ordered, but when the Commissioner tried to cut the stick, he found it was almost. "Yes, it is pretty dry," said the man behind the counter, "but we can't help it. We used to be able to take a few pieces out and keep them in a moistening box, but some darned fool up in the Internal Revenue office decided that that was illegal and we can't do it any more. Beats all what idiots get appointed to office." "Well, that certainly was a fool ruling," replied Mr. Yerkes, mockingly, and he slipped away with his little piece of plug tobacco.

SPICE.

Rich Carter (who is making the round of the town districts)—Well, I must go now. Is there anything I can do for you, my good woman?

The Other (of the suburb)—No, I thank ye, mom. Ye must mind it, mem, if I don't return the call. I haven't any time to go aluminin' myself—Chicago Tribune.

Newcome—The Highlites are a lucky couple.

Parents—Why so?

Newcome—They belong to the same set in society and so manage to meet now and again.—Town Topics.

Patience—Peggy used to sing all over the house before she married that man.

Patience—So she did, dear; but you know he married her to reform her.—Yonkers Statesman.

RHYMES OF THE DAY.

Two is company,
Three is a crowd;
No more are by
the cook allowed.

—New York Sun.

Grass widows may, of course, be blue,
But I have never seen
(No more has any one of you)
A single one that's green.

—Philadelphia Press.

HOW SHE REBELLED.

He shyly wooed, without success,
Nor ventured the least caress
Till his own bashfulness incensed him
At last he boldly snatched a kiss—
Did she rebel? I know but little
She was "all up in arms against him."

—Town Topics.

JULY.

Beneath the full midsummer heat
Are stores of golden, garnered wheat;
Are armies of corn-blades, trenchant,
keen.

The blunderer dutes his mournful cries:
The hawk in charmed circle flies.
Berries ripen beneath the leaves,
And warm still are the musky eves.

The moon shines bright in the cloudless sky.

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—Sara Andrew Shafer, in the Outlook.

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